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Candidates line up for MP race

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

With candidates now lined up for all of the major parties except one, the federal election race is ramping up in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

This past weekend, local health care leader Mike Perry was successful in his bid to win the NDP seat in the riding. Perry defeated incumbent Lyn Edwards and Linda Cowan-Griffith on the first ballot during a nomination meeting held at the Victoria Park Armoury in Lindsay on Jan. 31.

"It was great to see such a cross-section of local residents from all kinds of different jobs and walks of life from around here," said Perry in a phone interview.

Perry said that hard work was the key to his success.

"As the quotation goes, I find the harder I work the luckier I get," he said.

A lawyer and social worker, Perry is the executive director of the City of Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team. He grew up in Fenelon Falls and has roots in the Kinmount area.

Moving forward, Perry is anticipating embarking on a "hard-working campaign."

"We're going to continue to work hard to engage residents and get our message out with a great campaign," he said, adding that he plans on hosting local budget consultations throughout the riding.

At the nomination meeting, Perry said it was time to stand up for good-paying jobs, health care and the environment.

Acclaimed Conservative candidate Jamie Schmalle is also looking forward to the race as the political landscape starts to take shape.

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Photo by Mark Arike

Jill Sward makes her way across a rail in the slopestyle competition at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride on Jan. 31. Sward came first in the female 10-14 age category.

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A busy four years in Haliburton's Glebe Park

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Over the past four years, things have been busy in Haliburton's Glebe Park.

Some of the activities there include a video to promote the park, a forest management plan, the start-up of a community garden, and the construction and installation of timber frame entryways.

"I was sort of blown away by all the things that have been accomplished over that time," Jim Blake, chair of the Glebe Park committee, told Dysart et al council during a Jan. 26 meeting.

Blake provided a summary of all of the park's important milestones, which were reached during the previous term of council. In the report, he also highlighted how volunteers and municipal staff came together to carry out major repairs to the park after last summer's freak rain storm.

"On June 30 of 2014 ... the skies opened up and we had a deluge – a tremendous rain storm, an enormous volume of water," said Blake.

"It was the speed and amount of rain that came down, and it just overran everything."

Within a day, Blake and municipal staff assessed the area and called an emergency

meeting with the committee. Plans were then put in place for remediation.

Volunteer Mike Darlington took several photos of the extensive damage to the trails.

"You could sort of lose a jeep down into the rut," recalled Blake.

Collaborative efforts between staff and committee members resulted in a plan to repair the trails within the park's existing budget.

"Pretty well all the trails were repaired – and some improved – and it was all done within the existing operating budget of the park."

Projects to be finished by June include

the printing and installation of signs, landscaping along the park's entrance and new trails, and the creation of a promotional rack card.

Blake thanked all stakeholders and volunteers for their commitment to the park, and commended municipal staff, including the finance department, for their ongoing support.

"It's really great to have the collegial effort to maintain a budget and set a budget."

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey complimented Blake and the committee for all of their accomplishments.

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Highlander news

Conservative candidate has 'running start'

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"I'm excited," said Schmale. "I'm looking forward to the weeks, months ahead."

A Lindsay resident who grew up in Bobcaygeon, Schmale has worked closely with current MP Barry Devolin for the past decade as his executive assistant. He took on the role after losing the nomination to Devolin in 2004.

"Through the campaign we became friends and I think we had a mutual respect for one another," he said.

In the year he lost the nomination, Devolin asked the former news director to join his team as campaign manager.

Over the years, Schmale said he has learned many invaluable skills just by working closely with the MP.

"One thing Barry has taught me is to be an honest person."

Schmale believes he has a "running start" because he is up-to-speed on the key issues and knows "many of the key players all across the riding."

Devolin, who will be retiring from politics following this term, has shown his support for Schmale from the start.

"He believes I'm ready and I believe I am too," said Schmale.

He said his campaign will focus on jobs and strengthening the economy in the riding.

The Green Party of Canada has put forward I.E. Weldon Secondary School teacher William McCallum as its candidate in the upcoming election. McCallum was acclaimed.

"I have a passion for politics," he said. "Now that my children are both off at university, I find myself having some

time to devote to my passion."

McCallum said his priority in this election is to talk about the economy.

"The Harper government has created a situation where our national debt is over \$600 billion and we've been running a deficit since before the recession," he said. "It's not as a cause of the recession. It's because of their irresponsible tax cuts and poor fiscal management."

He said the government will have a hard time balancing the budget without using some "accounting magic."

"The Green Party is about sustainability, not just in the environment but for the economy as well," he said. "That means not having irresponsible deficits year after year."

McCallum said his teaching background has made him a good listener. He said he is patient and tolerant. He's also an active volunteer, most recently working with A Place Called Home.

According to McCallum, the Harper government has done things to weaken Canada's democracy, such as taking on more power in the Prime Minister's Office.

"People need to recognize we need new people, new ideas, and new blood. The old ideas aren't working anymore."

The Liberals have yet to select a candidate in this riding. The candidacy is contested by former municipal and regional Brock Township councillor David Marquis, and Lance Sherk, director of economic development for the City of Kawartha Lakes. The party has yet to select a date for the nomination meeting.

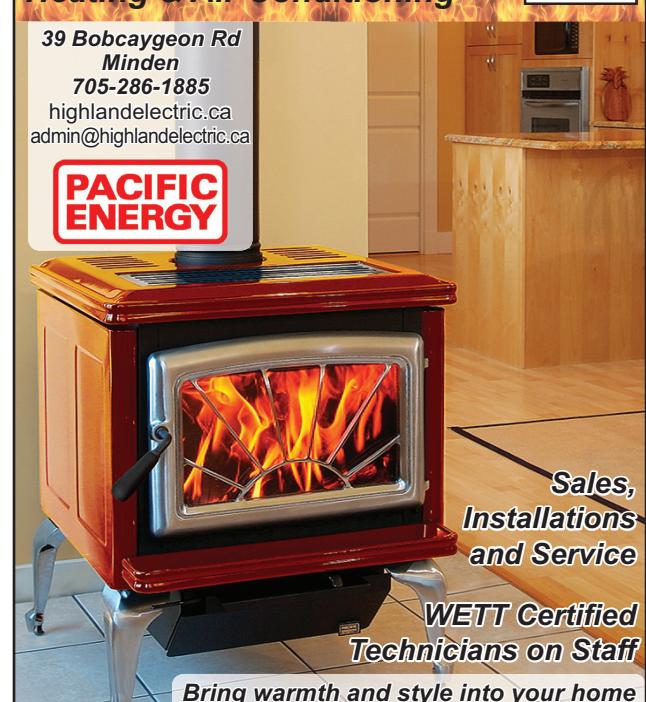
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Sledder dies on Paudash

Bancroft Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers are investigating a fatal snowmobile collision that happened on Paudash Lake in Highlands East.

On Jan. 30, officers attended the scene of the collision at North Bay Beach Road. The 51-year-old Peterborough man was transported to hospital but pronounced dead after ambulance left the scene. Police are not releasing his name because the investigation into the collision is ongoing.

Details of the collision are being withheld at this time. However, Bancroft's community service officer, Susanne Cox, said a technical traffic collision investigator was brought in to investigate the accident.

OPP In brief

Teenager in serious condition after collision with tree

A 15-year-old male is alive after sustaining serious but non-life threatening injuries in a snowmobile crash at the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve on Jan. 28.

Haliburton Highlands OPP, along with the county's EMS service and Dysart et al fire department, responded to the accident at around 12:15 p.m. Officers were advised the snowmobile lost control and collided with a tree.

The patient was air-lifted to St. Michael's Hospital, but further details are unavailable at this time as an investigation is ongoing into the accident.

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Editorial opinion

There's a hole in the budget

Haliburton County may be about to embark on a new strategy for managing its finances: debt. Elsewhere borrowing is a tried and true method to keep the party going long after the music has stopped. The province in particular has raised it to an art form, burying our collective futures in piles of IOUs we may never be able to repay. With interest rates low, wages stagnant and temptation high, many of us have done the same in pursuit of lifestyles we otherwise couldn't afford.

But while running up the credit cards is to be expected from irresponsible spenders like ourselves, the county – our county – until now at least, has prided itself on sound financial management. That makes the contemplation of debt both easier and scarier at the same time. Easier, because after decades of good stewardship we have substantial room to manoeuvre. And scarier, because if a politician as financially conservative as Warden Fearrey is getting on the credit bandwagon, things must be looking precarious indeed. True, rates are low. For now.

Economists talk about good debt and bad debt. Good debt is money used to buy something that pays you back, like a business. Bad debt is money borrowed to buy something that declines in value, like a new big-screen television.

With those guidelines in mind, the debt contemplated by the county is not looking particularly good. It will be used to maintain current operations and address infrastructure needs that have become more urgent due to last year's storms. While it's true that in 2014 there were huge, unplanned costs for weather-related road repairs and more are required this year, unplanned shouldn't mean entirely unexpected. That's what reserves are for – a rainy day fund for, well, rainy days.

Alas we underestimated the determination

of Mother Nature and, in retrospect, did not put enough aside; reserves have fallen to less-than-comfortable levels. Rather than increase taxes substantially to retroactively make up for that shortfall in the same year OPP costs will hit, borrowing is intended to soften the blow. Fair enough. But what comes next?

Before answering that question, we need to seriously examine alternatives to the OPP for our policing needs and the possibility of sharing certain functions among municipalities to save money. We're told by councillors that these investigations can't be done because expensive consultants would be required to crunch the numbers.

They're right we don't have that luxury, but we also don't have the luxury of accepting things as given because nobody on the municipal payrolls has those skills. There are courses. There will be new hires. It can get done. It has been done, in other places we can look to for advice.

Those same skills are critical for addressing the other side of the equation, the revenue side. The way out has to involve not just managing costs, but growing our revenue base. With provincial funding on the decline and tax increases unpalatable for all, the best way to achieve sustainable growth is by attracting new businesses and residents. Sadly our municipalities persist in their ownership of economic development instead of returning it to the county level where it could be stronger and coordinated.

Borrowing will buy us time; it won't buy us a future. For that we need better insight into what our options are and better cooperation. Otherwise what we've got is a leaky bucket and no spare pair of pants.

Matthew Desrosiers will be back next week.



By Bram Lebo

It's all in how you say it

You can't help but be wildly amused by the kerfuffle taking place over the recent Haliburton County Tourism Unwind Local campaign unveiling. At one end are marketing mavens hell-bent on trying to convince us of a growing trend within the industry, and at the other are the word nerds/grammar police who bristle at anything that even slightly bastardizes the King's English.

While Unwind Local, as stated, is a grammatical aberration that might make your Grade 9 English teacher's neck hair curl, it isn't that aspect that has me mildly offended. More than the slight vocal (and it is slight) awkwardness of the phrase, what bothers me more is the lack of imagination found within it.

I get the connection to Eat Local and Shop Local, but the main problem here is simply that it's been done, and done, and done. The whole idea behind the campaign aims to capitalize on the numerous areas before us that have already done the heavy lifting.

On the surface this may seem like a logically workable strategy, but in the end, it's all about branding. The first thing they'll teach you about branding is to find something that makes you stand out. In essence we need to ask what's unique about what we're offering? In this case, it's nothing.

However, this is where I'll at least give campaigns like this a few points on the big board scoring system. For as much as it does score low in technical merit, it also wins over some of the judges with its boldface irreverence. You can't make an omelet without breaking some eggs, although unfortunately these weren't the right eggs. Still, we admire the bold affront attack on the English language whether it was deliberate or not.

This is also the point in the debate where we welcome the venom and vitriol of the aforementioned grammar police who may sincerely be well-meaning but who also oftentimes drag imaginative projects like this down to a, excruciating, grinding halt. While they may have the letter of the language law on their side, like the benevolent sloth they are also very slow to adapt.

To steal a few of their words, a catch phrase may not be correct but it can be right.

Word nerds and marketing people are almost always at war in an epic battle to find that

sweet spot between correctness and colloquialisms, but in this war – at least the search for the ultimate slogan – it is the marketing people who can and should come out on top.

The reasoning is simple. Marketing is aimed to speak to the masses, whereas fine literature (or proper grammar in this case) appeals to a certain, often select, crowd. People hear language one way and read it another. Just try writing and then saying the word "cupboard" as evidence of this. Essentially our spoken and written words are two different things. Marketing aims to communicate, not to teach. It's about getting the message out in the most effective, not necessarily the most correct, way.

Some have argued that the Unwind Local phrase further cements the backwater feel some have up here, as if we can't form a proper sentence and that we're alone in this affliction. Well I have news for you. Muskoka is currently using Once Discovered, Never Forgotten or as the grammar police would likely have it updated to: Once IT IS Discovered, IT IS Never Forgotten. While it's a little more forgivable, the blatant disregard for the language is certainly similar. I'll bet Muskoka's local Word Nerds chapter also resisted that one mightily. Still, despite all the linguistic liberties, somehow they came up with something passable to the general populace and somewhat attractive to the casual visitor.

The branding you choose needs to say something about who you are, what you offer and how you want to say it. It's a combination of all three. Sadly Haliburton County has rarely gotten them all aligned together. Most times it's either meek, misguided or, in this case, arguably awkward. Slogans, whether they're for the flagship banner or just part of a campaign like this one, need to simultaneously grab someone's attention and imagination.

Failure to do so is a missed opportunity and, in an area so heavily dependent on incoming tourism dollars, we can't afford too many of those.



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Letters to the editor

Columnist provides insights

Dear editor,

I want to tell you how significant I feel Austin McGillion's column is to folks who have the privilege of reading it (I am sure it could be appreciated by an even wider audience if it was also published in a major distribution paper).

Through his column he is able to communicate so skillfully. Austin not only provides us insights into the world through his eyes, but additionally he has many great ideas that deserve to be shared and considered. His article of Jan. 29 entitled "Evaluation of our lives" was a gift to all who read it.

Firstly, it highlighted the importance of people such as Ron Murphy and Roxanne Casey who are representative of all those folks who care and bring such a positive experience to living locally (the concept of Austin reading his columns on the air is such a great idea, and the listeners of Canoe FM will certainly appreciate what all he has to offer).

Secondly, Austin's insight into "the more I work the less time I have to worry about problems, which in turn means I forget about those plaguing issues after a while," was powerful. This insight is so applicable to all of us! We just haven't taken the time to identify it as powerfully. He has much to share and teach us. Finding the right balance is another challenge he identifies.

Thirdly, Austin's point that broadcast journalism could and should be a program established here in the Haliburton Highlands is one worth pursuing. I am old enough to remember people such as Carole Finn and then Barb Bolin thinking that we should and could start... Many years later, we are all indebted to their visionary efforts.

It all starts with the idea. You have put forth an idea that deserves recognition. I am certain that people such as Carole and Barb were told it can't be done, but we all know that to be untrue. Austin appears to be very skilful at making valid points. What it appears he needs is a way to push his concepts further. It all starts with a person, an idea and a passion. I can see it now: The Austin McGillion School of Broadcast Journalism.

I unfortunately am not the person with the connections to help him push his idea forward, but I can recognize that it is worth him trying to find out who they are and what they might be able to do to assist. One thing leads to another.

Cheers from here and thank you again, Austin, for taking the risk of putting yourself out there. We readers are the benefactors of your efforts.

Bernie Davis
Minden

Photo of the week



Photo by Anne Brown

Settling arguments in the wild.

Exemplary medal program should not be cut in budget process

Dear editor,

On Jan. 22, an article in regards to exemplary service medals came to my attention (see 'Service medal program could fall to budget cuts,' The Highlander issue 169, pg. 7). As this subject is near and dear to my heart, I am compelled to speak on behalf of all recipients.

In my former life, I was the awards

coordinator for the Toronto Police Service and as such, am quite familiar with the presentation of service medals and other such awards. This award in particular is given to members (police, fire, EMS, etc.) in recognition of exemplary (to serve as an example to others) service to their chosen field. They are not given lightly nor should they be treated lightly, and not to acknowledge the recipients would be, in

my view, a dishonour.

As the awards coordinator, it was my privilege to prepare an event, large or small, where members could share the honours with their families. To look out into the audience and, after telling the stories pertaining to the incidents in some cases, see the pride in the faces of their loved ones, this is the reward.

I do understand that budgets play a huge

role in our existence and perhaps I was somewhat spoiled, but I do think there are other ways to save face in this matter and would be more than happy to share my views on the subject.

Please give this due consideration before making any decision. Thank you.

Gail Nicholson (nee Loftus)
Toronto Police Service (ret.)

The Outsider

Meditating on the melancholy

A colleague of mine, let's call him Bud, stated out of the blue the other day that he was melancholy.

Melancholy.

It's a great word, don't you think? But not a great state of mind for my work mate. I couldn't help but ask Bud why he was so down, melancholy even, and he was not backwards in coming forwards. It seems that winter is giving him the blues. You see, my mate is a fisherman, an angler of the highest order. He's a professional, in the purest sense of the word: a master of his art who plies it for the love of, without the need for payment. And winter means frozen water, rock hard lakes, rivers with frigid crusty edges that beckon folk to break through and fall into icy depths. Bud is missing his fishing. Bud is yearning for spring and the thaw.

Aren't we all, Bud?

But the thing is, my mate is no fair-weather fisherman. Bud is out there more often than anyone I know, on the

ice, accessorized with pop-up tent and flasher, revelling in the challenge of what the angling fraternity calls the hardwater season. And he catches lots of fish too. But Bud is still melancholy.

This winter has taken its toll.

That said, Bud has not let the beauty of the season pass him by. He's an observant sort of fellow who often catches me off guard. For instance, just the other day, he remarked at the wonderful silence, broken only by the falling of snowflakes, after the construction site radio had been turned off at the end of the day. He relishes the watery sunlight of a crisp afternoon as we nail cedar shakes to the side of a house, too, and he points to deer tracks in the snow as we bump down a rutted cottage road in the truck. He's that kind of guy.

Bud is especially quick to point out the spot on a lake, renowned for good catches of bass or walleye, as we drive by. He motions with his hand at what is now tabletop flat acres of snow and tries to

describe the shoal that's hidden beneath the ice, the one that holds fish not matter what the season. He tells tales of catching fish the likes of which I can only dream about, his eyes sparkling at memories of fishy triumphs last season or back in his childhood.

But when Bud stops talking fishing he is still melancholy. It brings me down a little too.

It also makes me wonder whether the winter weather will come to affect me in the same way in years to come. Will I get the winter blues? Will the wonder that I currently experience each time it snows wane as I grow used to my Canadian existence? Will I become melancholy, too?

Bud has gone now and I hope that our chat has cheered him a little. I, on the other hand, am now pondering my existence and fretting about future winter woes. And then it hits me. I realize that while Bud has lived here his entire life, I have made a conscious decision to be

here. I have worked to achieve where I am today and yearned to experience the quietness, the crystalline perfection of a morning so bright because the sunshine reflects off the pristine snow.

I've made a choice to become engulfed in this glorious Canadian winter, even if my fingers are numb as I nail on another shake.

And the fishing? I feel lucky to be able to fish the lakes around which we live. I shudder with pleasure as I walk on water, trudge to an unmarked spot in those acres of flat white and drill a hole. I hardly ever catch anything and at times as I trudge back off the ice, fingers and toes chilled to the bone, I am disappointed, but it is of no matter because this feeling should be rejoiced in. This feeling is a melancholy of the most utter wintery perfection. Buck up, Bud. Life here is so good.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: What are you doing for the Family Day long weekend?



Leigh Bull
Haliburton

We will be getting ready for a winter getaway to Myrtle Beach.

Betty Mills
Haliburton

We are very busy working at the Lions Club food tent cooking pancakes in the morning, a BBQ after lunch, and helping at the Polar Bear Plunge at 1 p.m. at Head Lake Park.



Many Albert
Irondale

Ice fishing in the derby in Gooderham. We are really looking forward to it. My better half will spend all day there having fun and socializing.

Mike Hamilton
Mindén

We have a charity baseball tournament in Minden. It is lots of fun. It's a fundraiser for the Dawson Hamilton outdoor hockey rink.



Rob Glassford
Haliburton

I will be having my son and his girlfriend up for a visit. We will be having great meals and even the dogs will eat well.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

County hospitals on alert for nurse strike fallout

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

It's nearly a week into the strike of 3,000 Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) employees across Ontario, but local hospitals have yet to feel the pinch.

The strike by CCAC members of the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) includes the Central East region, of which Haliburton County is a part. Just under 500 active staff –

not including staff on sick or maternity leave – went on strike in the Central East CCAC.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) CEO Varouj Eskedjian said, on day one of the strike, that some of the hospital services may be affected. Those services included placement into long-term care facilities, as well as discharging patients from the hospital who may require continuing care at home.

However, according to Eskedjian, HHHS has yet to see any real impact from the action.

"It hasn't impacted us as yet," he said. "We used to have [two] vacancies in our long-term care facilities, but the CCAC has placed two people in those."

Striking workers were responsible for placements into the long-term care facilities, but Eskedjian said so far, CCAC management and non-union workers are keeping up with the extra work load.

"It doesn't sound like ... placement into long-term care is being impacted," he said. "[The CCAC is] able to do that because they have assessments of these folks, and they have a list of people waiting to get placed into long-term care."

There is an established prioritized list of people waiting to get into the facilities.

Eskedjian said it's just a matter of the CCAC picking off of that list for placement into long-term care.

Gail Scala, media relations with the Central East CCAC, said long-term care placement shouldn't be a major problem for existing applications.

"If they [patients] already have an application in for the long-term care home of their choice, and a bed becomes available, we will still process their admission into the long-term care home," she said. "Any new applications, there may be a delay. But for anyone who is already in the system and has an application in ... if a bed becomes available, they will be processed."

The other area of concern for Eskedjian was the ability to discharge patients.

When patients enter the hospital, they are often discharged with referrals for additional care, such as physiotherapists, CCAC nursing care, and occupational therapists. It was the job of CCAC workers to make those referrals.

"The CCAC ... assesses people, maybe inpatients we want to discharge home, so the CCAC does the assessment and says if they go back, they should be referred to this or that community service," he said. "If staff aren't there, they can't do the assessment. Then we may not discharge back home without those services being put in place."

On Jan. 30 Eskedjian said the hospital might not discharge a patient if the appropriate referrals are not made for continuing care.

"That may affect our ability to flow patients from emergency to inpatient, and back home. It could plug things up if those assessments and referrals don't take place."

But so far that hasn't been the case.

"It doesn't seem to be impacting us in our emergency department," he said. "It looks like the CCAC management and non-union folks are placing their greatest attention and focus on those urgent cases that can be discharged back to their homes with services in place."

Christine Grattan, who also works in media relations with the Central East CCAC, said they have contingency plans in place and are sticking to those plans to manage the strike. Those plans centre around removing any non-essential duty – such as attending certain meetings – from staff schedules in order to give them time to complete critical tasks.

Grattan said the Central East CCAC will continue to provide services to existing clients.

While so far all is well at HHHS and its long-term care facilities, Eskedjian said that could change.

"It doesn't seem to be impacting us now, but in the long term, who knows."

The ONA CCAC members began their strike the morning of Jan. 30 over wage disputes.

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Highlander news

OPP billing takes a bite out of budget

Minden Hills struggling to minimize tax hike

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Minden Hills staff and council continue to tweak the 2015 draft budget in order to lessen the burden on local taxpayers.

As it currently stands the township is facing a net shortfall of about \$367,000, which would result in a 6.2 per cent increase over last year's tax levy. The new OPP billing model accounts for 4.1 per cent – or \$245,000 – of the shortfall. The balance represents growth and inflation.

"Ultimately, the gist is that we haven't been able to get to the percentage that council has asked us to get to," said township CAO Lorrie Blanchard during a Jan. 29 council meeting.

Council previously requested that staff reach a total increase of no more than 5.3 per cent over 2014.

In her report, Blanchard noted that transfers to reserve for future parks and recreation capital requirements have been eliminated in order to maintain a limited levy increase. Based on a 10-year capital plan prepared by Mark Coleman, director of community services, it is estimated that about \$60-75,000 should be placed in reserves annually to support this plan and other requirements.

In the roads department, a contribution of \$280,000 from reserves will reduce this

reserve below the \$1 million mark, which was "previously maintained for emergency purposes."

"We seem to have fallen off the rails a bit when it comes to roads and the community services department," she said.

Items that required further discussion,

said Blanchard, included grants awarded to other organizations, administrative fee increases, the financial impact of dog pound services, and potential new revenue streams in the community services department.

Blanchard pointed out that the parks and recreation department is "extremely underfunded" and has had to rely on surpluses to fund its operations.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin urged councillors to take a close look at the grants included in the draft budget, which currently total \$60,000.

"I'm not sure all those groups are directly benefitting the community in some way," said councillor Jeanne Antho.

Devolin called it "a growing list that's evolved."

"As members of council we need to go through this list, during this time of fiscal constraint to see if we need to cut back,"

said Devolin. "I know if we cut some back it won't be politically popular, but we have a job to do."

The list includes a variety of non-profit organizations and fundraiser events.

Devolin proposed the possibility of reducing the amount that the township

subsidizes for organizations filing a grant request.

"I'm not liking how we have to deal with this budget, particularly because of the OPP costs," said councillor Pam Sayne, adding that the county should continue to raise the

issue when given the opportunity to do so.

"We need to look at what other strategies we're going to use. There's the ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) conference coming up to talk to other municipalities ... I think these policing costs have to continue to be raised at that level."

Sayne added that "it's very difficult to be in these chairs and see how much we might be giving to the local food bank versus how much we're giving to the OPP."

Staff will present a second draft of the budget to council during a special meeting on Feb. 17.

I know if we cut some back it won't be politically popular, but we have a job to do.

Brent Devolin
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February 12
Committee of the Whole

February 17

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February 26

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1. *Yoga for Runners* by Christine Felstead
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Rails End seeks support from Dysart

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

As a hub for the arts and community programming, the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre is requesting that the municipality continue to provide financial support to the public art gallery.

"The Rails End Gallery is an important part of the economic landscape of Haliburton Village," said Susanne James, president of the board, during a Jan. 26 Dysart et al council meeting.

James said that about 8,000 people come into town for the annual Art and Craft Festival and the Trash N' Treasures sale, both of which are held in the summer.

She said the gallery and its events enhance the lives of all visitors, including residents – full-time and seasonal.

The board recently developed a five-year strategic plan to identify four key priorities including human resources, community relationships, stewardship, and balancing the vision for the gallery with financial responsibility.

In a letter to council, the board requested the municipality maintain a \$50,000 grant for the current year, provide a matching contribution of up to \$1,500 to upgrade the gallery's water filtration system, and offer in-kind staff support to the gallery's building stewardship committee. The request will be included in upcoming budget deliberations.



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What's Up Arts and culture flourishing in winter



By George Farrell

I used to consider winter a slower season in the county as far as cultural events went, but in recent years winter has turned out to be just as busy as the other seasons. For example:

On Jan. 23 there was a recording of Writers Night at Canoe's Radio Hall. The readings from five writers were divided into two parts for subsequent broadcast. The first part, consisting of poetry readings by Claire Sylvan and Doug Pugh, was broadcast on the evening of Jan. 29. The second part, which features performances and readings from Jim Blake, Faye Wilkinson and me, will be aired on Feb. 12 at 6 p.m.

On the evening following the Writers Night recording, it was the Jack de Keyzer concert at the Dominion Hotel. I shared, with 118 people, a totally thrilling evening with Jack and his excellent band as they went through a repertoire consisting of blues, R&B, soul, and rock. But back to writers for a moment.

On Jan. 27 at the Cultural Centre there was an informal meeting of writers held in the Common Room. This year the Cultural Centre would like to concentrate on literacy and literature, and develop programming that would be open to everyone in the community. The Centre would like programming ideas to come from the writers and so they were invited to talk about what ideas they might have.

Above and beyond the programming conversation, the meeting gave the dozen or so writers present a chance to meet each other. Several of the writing groups in the county were represented and it was heartening to hear what the groups had accomplished. The meeting was very positive and some good will was established. Although nothing concrete regarding programming was determined, there was a feeling that a good, small step had been taken.

Meanwhile at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, the juried photography exhibition continues until Feb. 7. There are some very nice images from photographers from across the country including photos from Highlanders Marci Mandell and Glenn Springer. I must say I was a bit disappointed by the relatively small number of images, 19 in total, but representing only 10 photographers. Their photographs fill only the large room in the gallery while sketches and oils from the Andre Lapine collection fill the other rooms and hallways.

Starting on Feb. 10 'Winter in Canada' takes over the gallery. It's another juried show, which has been adjudicated by AJG curator Laurie Carmount and Fleming

College principal (Haliburton Campus)

Sandra Dupret. For

the 'Winter in Canada' show the artists were asked to express their love/hate relationship with winter. It should be a very interesting exhibition, and 35 pieces have been selected.

In the village of Haliburton, at the Rails End gallery, the annual members show is up and running. As usual I was impressed by the sheer diversity of artistic talent on display and by the various disciplines, ranging from pottery, textiles, woodworking, and paper manipulation to drawings and paintings. Visitors can vote on their favourite piece from among the 79 on display. I was torn, but from a personal shortlist which included works by Yves Ameline, Renne Woltz, Barbara Joy Peel, Nancy Kursbatt, Terry Wright, George Novotny, and Sara Cuthbertson, I cast my vote for Ameline's abstract of skiers.

In the smaller gallery space it was a pleasure to see some watercolour portraiture from the hand of Helen Vella; we just don't see that many portraits at our galleries. The images are of local personalities whom most residents will recognize, and each one is a mini masterpiece which accurately captures the essence of the person portrayed. My favourite was an image of musician Ian Pay.

Coming up shortly, on Valentine's Day, the annual Frost Festival in Haliburton Village takes place including the much anticipated Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge. Brrrr. Then in the evening of the same day there is the latest Dead Poets Society soiree at the Dominion Hotel, with a theme of 'Hot, Erotic and Dead.' The very next day, Feb. 15, it's Winterfest in Minden, which this year includes the new evening event called 'Fire and Ice.'

These are just a few of the events that have come to my attention. There are many more, and several local websites will tell you about what's going on, but I was delighted to recently receive a 'Member Monday' email from the Arts Council.

The email highlighted the up-and-coming arts and cultural events as well as direction to the Facebook page where a different Arts Council member or organization will be featured each week. There seems to be a renewed sense of purpose coming from the Arts Council, which is a good thing, because a strong council could help in ensuring that our local talent continues to produce work for the arts and cultural events that now fill our calendar on a year-round basis.

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Highlander life

Friends ready for blind hockey tournament

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

When Ross Burk and Tom Miscio get together around the coffee table, it's like they've been best friends for decades.

But the truth is that they've only gotten to know each other over the past year.

The two local residents have an undeniable passion for the sport of hockey, but perhaps what's brought them even closer together is their disability.

For the majority of their lives, Burk, 58, and Miscio, 47, have been legally blind.

Originally from Haliburton, Burk was born two months premature.

"They gave me oxygen to keep me alive but they gave me too much oxygen and scarred the retinas of my eyes," he recalled.

In his teens he developed a detached retina in the left eye, which led to its removal. Ten years ago his right eye developed cataracts.

Today, Burk only has five per cent peripheral vision in his right eye.

"I don't know what good vision is. I never had it," he said.

Miscio, who currently lives near Carnarvon, is also a local boy. His vision was fine up until the age of 22 months.

"I developed a high fever when I was that age," he said, explaining that the damage was done by the time he was transported to Sick Kids Hospital.

His condition is now known as optic atrophy, meaning that the optic nerve has been damaged.

"It's not the eye that's damaged," said Miscio. "It's the nerve centre that tells you what you're seeing."

The vision in his left eye is only 1.8 per cent while the vision in his right eye – the one that used to be the dominant eye – has decreased to 1.6 per cent.

Despite their vision loss, both managed to



Photo by Mark Arike

Tom Miscio, left, and Ross Burk hold a special hockey stick that Miscio received for participating in last year's Courage Canada National Blind Hockey Tournament.

navigate their way through elementary and secondary school thanks to the support of their teachers and fellow students.

"You adapt to your surroundings and what your limitations are," said Burk, adding that he played with the other kids in the school yard just the same as anyone else.

Last year, Miscio was featured in The Haliburton Echo for competing in the Courage Canada National Blind Hockey Tournament. Burk read about Ross and the rest, as they say, is history.

"I can hardly wait for Ross to go to this tournament," said Miscio, referring to the 2015 event.

"I don't know if I'm going to sleep for the next week or more," laughed Burk.

From Feb. 13-15, the two will take part in "the largest ever blind hockey tournament" at the Mattamy Athletic Centre (formerly Maple Leaf Gardens) in Toronto. About 80 players from across Canada will compete in the tournament.

Miscio has been playing hockey since he was five and Burk picked up road hockey at an early age. The sport has not only allowed them to remain active and socialize with others, but it's acted as a coping mechanism when times got tough.

"Without hockey I don't know where I'd be," said Miscio, who has played in the Cobey Islander hockey tournament for many years.

Burk plays weekly in a league with a group of men, many of whom are 65 and older.

"I'm keeping in shape," he smiled. However, they haven't yet had the chance to play together.

At last year's tournament, Miscio won a silver medal with the Pacific Team. This will be Burk's first time playing with others who are visually impaired.

"I think the neat thing about it is I get to go play with people on the same playing field as I am," said Burk.

Although he was disappointed that he did not return home with the gold, winning a medal isn't a priority this year.

"I'm more anxious to go back and see how Ross enjoys it."

It is unknown whether they will end up playing together. A draft will determine which team they end up on.

In blind hockey, the puck is larger and is filled with screws so that players can hear where it is. The regulation-sized net also has a black bar stretching across it so that goals can only be scored in the bottom three feet of the net.

The games are free to attend.

In reflecting on his previous experience, Miscio was flabbergasted by the amount of talent at the event.

"There are players who play like I used to in my 20s," he said.

Neither Burk nor Miscio expect a large turnout of local spectators, but some of their close friends and family members plan on going.

The support they've received now and throughout their lives from those closest to them means more than anything.

"It's a long ways to go and it's pretty giving for people to do that," said Miscio.

A live stream of the games will be available online at couragecanada.ca.



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ICE CAR RACING 12:00pm Fairgrounds

PUBLIC SKATING 12:00pm-2:00pm SG Nesbitt Arena

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GAMES! 1:00pm-2:00pm arena parking lot

GIRLS STORM MIDGET HOCKEY 2:00pm-3:30pm SG Nesbitt Arena

Sledding season revs up

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

The year's snowmobiling season is in full swing in the Haliburton Highlands.

“The traffic in Haliburton has been fantastic,” said Aaron McWilliams, president of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA), in a recent phone interview. “I know we've had comments from the local businesses.”

About three weeks ago, a majority of the 370 kilometres of the county's groomed trails were open with limited ability, meaning they were not yet on a regular grooming schedule. As of Feb. 4, 19 out of 23 trails were marked as available, meaning that trails are groomed and available for snowmobiling. One trail – Top B to Tall Pines Trails – is closed for the year due to logging.

“We're trying to keep the main arteries between the townships open so we can help generate more business for the townships,” said McWilliams.

Although it may seem as if there is plenty of white stuff on the ground, McWilliams explained that it's fluffy snow that gets compacted down by a groomer.

“Even though we had a good 14 inches of it [snow], when you compress and pack it on the trail it [turns into] about four to six inches,” he said.

In recent weeks, volunteers have been working hard to pack down what they can and staking the lakes for riders, said McWilliams.

As a not-for-profit organization, the HCSA heavily relies on volunteers. The group currently has about 20 individuals who do everything from clearing trails to handling

paperwork.

“We could always use more,” he said. McWilliams said permit sales are up this year for District 6, an area that encompasses Haliburton County and several nearby communities.

“We've improved on our sales from last year and we're just hoping to make them better.”

McWilliams was unable to provide current statistics for the club, but said that based on the information he's received 90,000 Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) permits have been sold in the district so far. The OFSC's target this season is 100,000.

He believes that many local riders took advantage of an early bird sale, which allowed them to save \$80 before Nov. 1.

“A lot of our ridership took advantage of the savings,” he said, adding that last year's successful snowmobiling season has also been a boon to the current year.

The OFSC is the coordinating body for organized snowmobiling in the province. According to the not-for-profit association's website, funds collected from the sale of permits helps pay for “trail operations of local snowmobile clubs and their provincial organization.”

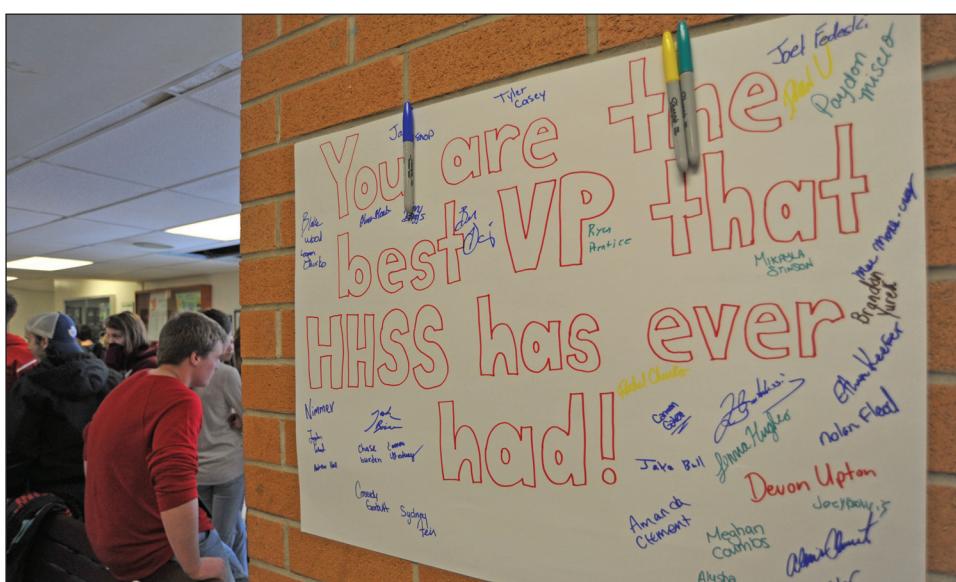
While gas prices have plummeted in recent months, McWilliams doesn't see that factoring in to traffic on the trails.

“Because we don't have enough snow yet to open all the trails, I don't really see that fuel has driven the ridership up.”

He's encouraging all snowmobilers to be safe and give the local trails a try.

For current trail conditions or for information on how to volunteer visit hcsa.ca.

Junior highlanders



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Jordan Nimigon reads a letter of support on behalf of another student. Above: One of several posters on the walls of the foyer.

Student rally for VP

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students took to the halls on the first day of the second semester to show support for former vice-principal Gord Wood.

Wood was transferred to Ridgewood Public School during the exam period. His first day at the new school was the same day as the rally, Feb. 2.

Devon Upton, who organized the rally and set up a Facebook group to support Mr. Wood, said around 150 students and community members attended the event.

"I want to thank everybody for coming," he said. "We (Upton and his friends) all just agreed that it was wrong that he was being transferred because he's the best vice-principal we've ever had."

Upton is a Grade 12 student at HHSS. He said teachers haven't said a whole lot about the transfer.

"I felt like I was [setting up the Facebook group] on behalf of the students," said Upton.

Students walked out of class at the first bell and remained in the school's foyer until 3 p.m. The rally was to take place outside, but students asked to stay indoors due to the cold.

Upton said "hundreds" of people signed letters that were sent to Trillium Lakelands District School Board director of education Larry Hope.

"We're just hoping that with this and all the letters that hopefully we get [Mr. Wood] back."

Catherine Shedd, manager of communications for the school board, said it's not uncommon to transfer vice-principals in the middle of the school year, and that Mr. Wood's experience was needed at Ridgewood.

She confirmed that David Waito has been appointed acting vice-principal at HHSS for the remainder of the school year.

"David is in the process of training to become a vice-principal," she said. "When possible and practical, we offer opportunities for teachers who are taking principal courses to spend some time in the role."

With files from Mark Arike

Through my eyes

Living Free

Anger, disgust, fear, contempt, and disdain are just some of the emotions we feel whenever we hear the stories from the Middle East concerning ISIS.

I wish people would drop their issues and just respect one another equally. However, terrorists completely disagree with anyone that doesn't follow their radical beliefs to the letter. They see freedom as something worth destroying and think everyone should live as they do, no matter what.

They hate our way of life. They have no care for the lives of fathers, mothers or children. Just ask the family of Kenji Goto, who was a father of two daughters and whose spouse had just given birth to their third. ISIS didn't care and killed him anyway. Does that sound like a group who cares about life?

Even though these events are happening half the world away, the effects of terrorism hit us here at home. Some people point fingers at targeted groups, blaming all Muslims, for example, for the actions of these radicals. We've all heard someone say, or said ourselves, that "that person looks like a terrorist." And when we do that, it's the real terrorists who win.

Terrorism is not something new. It had been going on for a long time before September 11, 2001, but it wasn't until that tragic day that it really hit home in North America. Until then, it had always seemed so far away.

But despite coming face-to-face with terrorism, we have to get rid of these stigmas that are ripping our communities apart. Not all people of Islam are jihadists or terrorists. Many followers of the Islamic religion are just like us. They are normal people who want to live their faith in peace, as most Christians do. We don't judge Christianity and Christians based on the hateful actions of the Westborough Baptist Church radicals, do we?

ISIS is just the latest example in a long history of hatred and prejudice that leads to war. Religion and beliefs get twisted into something ugly, and they are used as excuses to kill.

A person could find hundreds of different meanings in the verses of the bible, and not all would agree on which is correct. Still, that's not a reason to fight.

We are lucky to live in a country relatively free of this kind of radicalism. But if we are to maintain that freedom, we have to defend it here at home – not with guns, but with reason and understanding. We should not be tainted by the propaganda of the few and help them spread their hatred.

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By Austin McGillion

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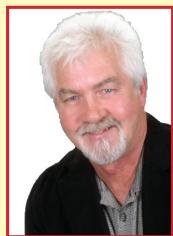
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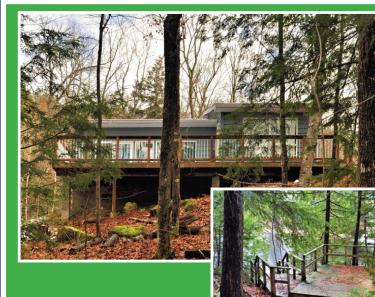
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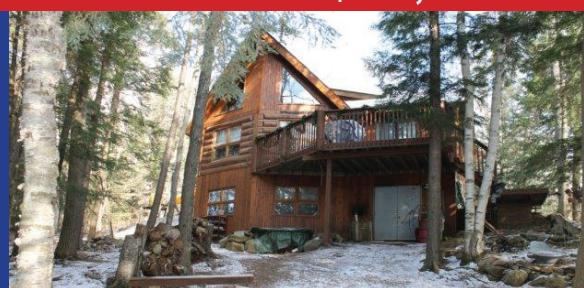
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The Minden Curling Club senior bonspiel winners are, from left, Jim Barton, lead; Andy Hemphill, vice; Mike Smith, skip; and Glynn Bayliss, second.

Senior curlers throw rocks in Minden

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Local curlers and players from further afield descended upon the Minden Curling Club on Feb. 3 for the Minden Carquest Senior Men's Bonspiel.

A total of 16 teams comprised of 64 curlers entered the annual event, which was open to men 50 and older. Visiting teams came from Bobcaygeon, Oakwood, Fenelon Falls, Beaverton, Orillia and Uxbridge.

Based on a points system, eight teams participated in one of two draws. Prizes, consisting of steaks and chicken, were awarded in each draw for first, second, third

and fourth.

"Basically four teams out of eight in each draw actually take home a prize," said convenor Bert Kennedy, who called it a "friendly competitive" bonspiel.

"A lot of them know each other and have curled with and against each other for years," he said.

The full-day event is a fundraiser for the club, bringing in approximately \$1,500 through entry fees.

Volunteers prepared snacks and lunch for the players.

A trophy, which was sponsored by Carquest, was presented to the winning team.



By Mark Arike

Fans cheer on Super Bowl favourites

Football fans gathered at local establishments on Feb. 1 to catch all the action of Super Bowl XLIX. The New England Patriots defeated the Seattle Seahawks 28-24 in the National Football League's annual event, which was held at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.

Pictured above: Local residents enjoy snacks and refreshments while they tune in to the game.

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Photo by Mark Arike

Dylan Besette hits a jump in a practice run.

Big tricks, big prizes at Sir Sam's race

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Skiers and boarders raced to the finish line and caught some big air during the Ski/Snowboard Cross and Slopestyle Jam at Sir Sam's on Jan. 31.

About 70 competitors took to the hill in the full-day event sponsored by Algonquin Outfitters and REM Equipment.

"It's just to give us some more exposure for what we do here and have a fun day for our participants," said general manager Chris Bishop.

Cash prizes in both the cross races and slopestyle competition included \$200 for first place, \$75 for second and a \$50 Algonquin Outfitters gift card for third. A total of \$4,000 and \$1,000 in gift cards were given out.

"This is the biggest cash prize anybody's given out for a competition like this," said Bishop.

Categories included ages seven to 10, 11-14, 15+ and open elite.

In the races, winners were determined based on the fastest time down the hill. The slopestyle competitors were judged for their tricks in the new and improved terrain park.

Results from the competition

Slopestyle:

Men Open: 1- Ryan Besette, 2- Mackenzie Robinson, 3- Trevor Kelly

Boys 15-18: 1-Clark Peel, 2-Scott Peel,3- Dylan Besette

Boys 11-14: 1- Alex Petrie,2- Kackson Dick, 3-Mac Moynes

Boys 7-10: 1-Owen Laidlaw

Female 10-14: 1- Jill Sward

Boarder cross:

Female: 1-Robin Hogarth, 2- Jamie Fegeuria, 3-Jill Sward

Male 10-14: 1- Jake O'Neil, 2-Sean Snyman, 3-Jari Wagner

Ski cross:

Female Open: 1-Wendy Laidlaw, 2- Victoria Fenninger

Male Open: 1- Adam Laidlaw, 2- Brad Neil, 3-Brandon Bain

Female 10-14: 1-Karley Wilson, 2- Ella Moynes, 3- Aimee Harris

Men 10-14: 1- Owen Peace, 2- Colin Davies, 3- Steven Smith

Men 15+: 1-Adam Hievert, 2- Reese Ralph, 3- Jacob Zoldy.

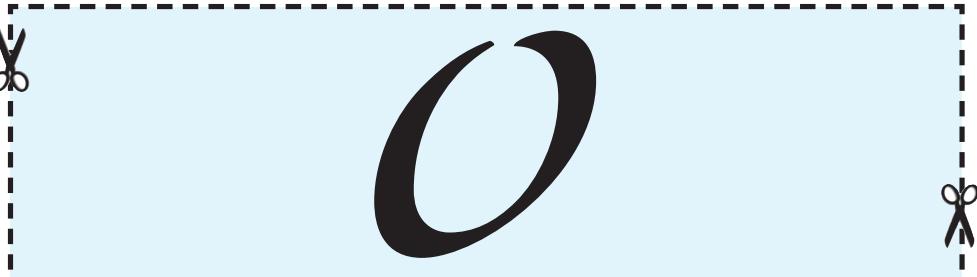
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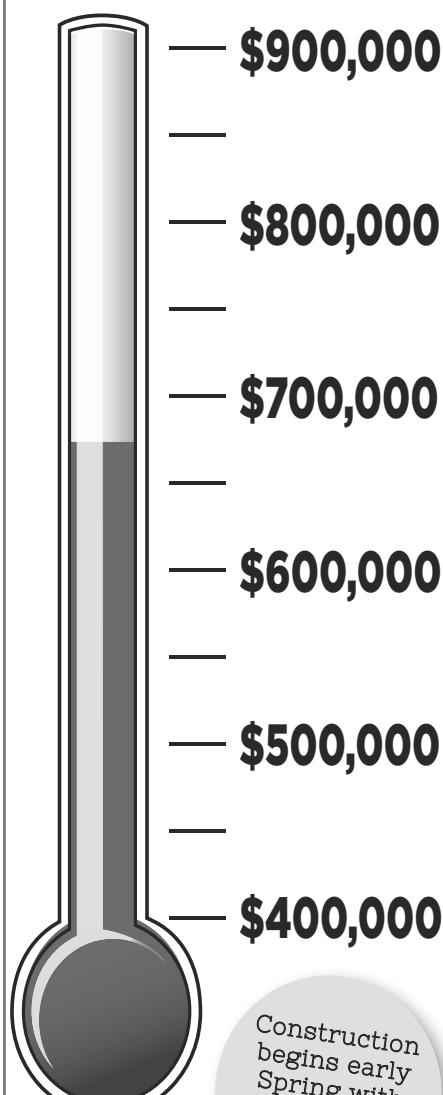
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Joanne Sharpley's

Atom AE

Submitted by Ron Hall

On Jan. 24 the Joanne Sharpley's Atom AE team headed to Huntsville to play the Otters in Game 1. The Storm battled hard but the Otters were ahead 2-0 at the end of the first. The Otters managed to get another in the second making it 3-0. The Otters won the game with a final score of 11-0.

The Storm faced the otters Jan. 31 in Haliburton for Game 2. The Storm played hard back and forth hockey but the Otters managed to score two in the first. In the second period, the Otters managed to get two more early in the period but the Storm didn't give up. On the powerplay, Dylan Keefer scored assisted by Chloe Billings and Kyan Hall. With 17 seconds left in the second period, Keefer scored another keeping the Storm within two. The Storm didn't back down, playing end to end, but fell short, losing 6-2.

The Storm headed back to Huntsville for Game 3. Down two games, the Storm were focused and not going down without a fight. The Storm came out strong right off the first faceoff with a shot on net. Battling back and forth, the score was 0-0 at the end of the first. The Storm played hard but the only scoring in the second was by the Otters, with two goals.

In the third period, the Storm kept fighting back with a goal by Kaine Brannigan assisted by Curtis Mulock. Less than a minute later the Storm's forward, Hall, scored to tie up the game. The Otters managed to get another goal but Keefer put one in for the Storm to tie it back up again.

The Storm got another goal from Brannigan putting them ahead 4-3.

Counting down the final two minutes, the Storm controlled every play and won the game. Game 4 is in Haliburton, Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. Come cheer us on!

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Bantam A

Submitted by Susan Haedicke and Andrea Prentice

The next series of playoff games began for the Bantam A team against the Penetang Flames. The first game was played in Haliburton last Wednesday and the Storm took the lead with a 3-2 win. The Storm travelled to Penetang for Game 2 on Saturday and doused the Flames 4-2. The Storm dominated most of the game. Starting early in the first, a perfect pass by Dollo to Cooper ended in a top corner shot over the goalie. Shortly after, the Flames tied it up during a powerplay.

Early in the second, Manning rushed in and picked up his own shot and snapped it in, making it 2-0 for the Storm. Patterson-Smith grabbed the puck and manoeuvred in nicely past the defence and saw the opening, making it 3-1 for the Storm at the end of the second period. The Flames managed to close the gap early in the third, making it 3-2, but the Storm held on. Garbutt fired in an empty netter, securing the win.

On Feb. 1, the Highland Storm Bantam A team travelled to Penetang for their third game of the second round of playoffs. The first period was a back and forth battle with two goals for the Storm by Cooper, both assisted by Schmidt, ending the first in a 2-2 tie. In the second, Cooper got things moving early with another goal, gaining him a hat trick, assisted by O'Neill. Later in the second, Aidan Garbutt shot from the point and

Highland Storm

gained the Storm another. This ended the second with a 4-3 lead.

The Penetang Flames fought hard in the third but Patterson-Smith sealed the deal with a goal assisted by Schmidt. Hard work paid off and they are on their way to the next round of playoffs.

Tom Prentice & Sons

Tykes

Submitted by Andrea Prentice

It was another busy weekend for the Tom Prentice & Sons Storm Tyke team. They travelled to Parry Sound on Saturday for a fun-filled day playing six games of three-on-three.

Sunday was a regular season game between the Storm and Parry Sound. Colby Coumbs got the game started with a nice goal assisted by Ty Rupnow and Kadin Card. Parry Sound squeaked a goal in, but the Storm quickly piled in seven more goals by Card, Rupnow, Coumbs, Jace Mills, Mak Prentice and Beckam Reynolds. Assists went to Prentice, Mills, Rupnow, Card, Cheyenne Degeer and Wyatt Raposo. It was a great game to watch with lots of passing and great defensive play. Chase Winder made a lot of saves in net, ending the game 8-1 for the Storm.

That afternoon, the Storm played another game in Huntsville. Despite the team feeling some fatigue from the busy weekend, they pulled out their reserves of energy and took home another win, ending 10-2!

Great teamwork, skill, fun and perseverance made this weekend one to remember! Thanks to the Storm AP players, Aaron Neave, Beckam Reynolds and Nathan Morrison for helping out this weekend!

Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Jan. 26

Men: High avg: Claude Cote – 211
High single: Claude Cote – 268
High single handi: Claude Cote – 281
High triple: Claude Cote – 708
High triple handi: Claude Cote – 747

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 175
High single: Chris Cote – 217
High single handi: Chris Cote – 257
High triple: Chris Cote – 545
High triple handi: Chris Cote – 665

Monday night, Jan. 26

Men: High avg: Rick West – 208
High single: Norm Goldenburg – 233
High single handi: Jim Therrien and Gord Pitcher – 268
High triple: Rick West – 575
High triple handi: Mark Arike – 672
Women: High avg: Cathy Snell – 221
High single: Teresa Clement – 225
High single handi: Teresa Clement – 291
High triple: Cathy Snell – 602
High triple handi: Teresa Clement – 788

Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 27

Men: High avg: Claude Cote – 213
High single: Claude Cote – 331
High single handi: Claude Cote – 342
High triple: Claude Cote – 737
High triple handi: Claude Cote – 770

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 179
High single: Lynda Weir – 219
High single handi: Lynda Weir – 295
High triple: Lynda Weir – 535
High triple handi: Johanna Hayward – 745

Wednesday Special Olympics, Jan. 21

Men: Trevor Brauer – 176
Jeffery Coulson – 148
Jason Cochrane – 144

Women: Skylar Pratt – 164
Dawn Piercey – 151
Lisa Burk – 111

Thursday, Jan. 29

Men: High avg: Gerry Wagg – 176
High single: Ray Lymer – 215

High single handi: Ray Lymer – 273

High triple: Ray Lymer – 509

High triple handi: Ray Lymer – 683

Women: High avg: Pat Stiver and Barb Ballantyne – 170

High single: Elli Welch – 198
High single handi: Gladys Routcliffe – 267

High triple: Elli Welch – 555
High triple handi: Holly Mastine – 709

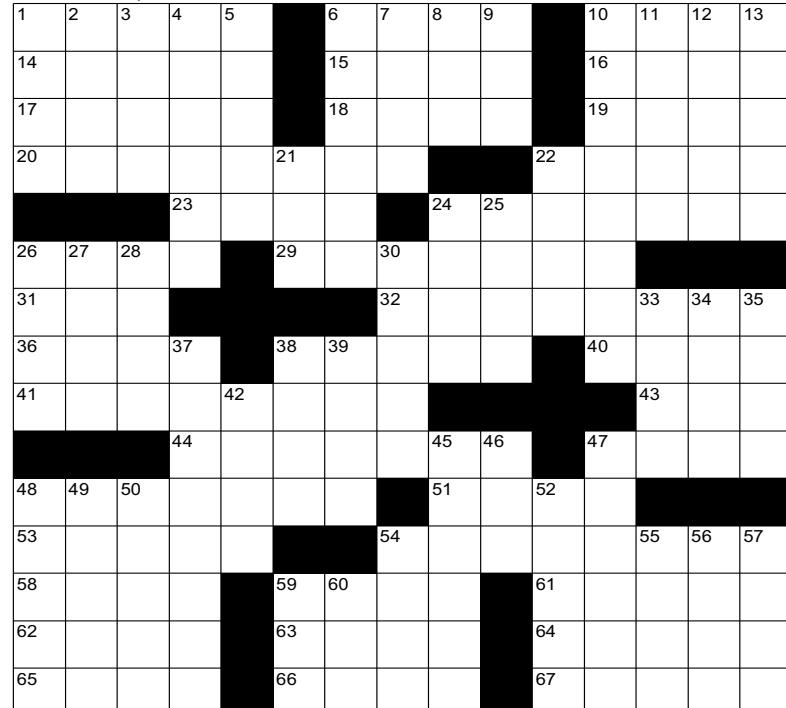
Friday afternoon, Jan. 30

Men: High avg: Ken Thompson – 203
High single: Claude Cote – 226
High single handi: Robert Cullen – 252
High triple: Ken Thompson – 578
High triple handi: Doug Cameron – 660

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 174
High single: Clara Vuksic – 228
High single handi: Clara Vuksic – 285
High triple: Chris Cote – 611
High triple handi: Chris Cote – 734

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6. Japan's continent
10. Acorn droppers
14. Midwest airport
15. Factory
16. Spot of ink
17. Mature
18. Excursion
19. Royal title
20. Back and forth (hyph.)
22. Not tipsy
23. Sailing
24. Milan native
26. Metal fasteners
29. Unpleasant sight
31. Compass dir.
32. Height
36. Citric ____
38. Consent

DOWN

1. Classify
2. Midwestern state
3. California wine valley
4. Coliseums
5. Tears apart
6. Off course
7. Begone!
8. Debt letters
9. Rainy mo.
10. Out-of-date
11. Defendant's offering
12. "M*A*S*H" locale
13. Howard ____ of radio
21. Fixed charge
22. Delhi dress
24. Capri or Wight
25. Carry
26. Bog product
27. Andes native
28. Astronaut ____ Armstrong
30. Works for

40. ____ Canal
41. Amulet
43. Harden
44. New spouse's boy
47. Becomes firm
48. Scottish plaids
51. Brown shade
53. Regions
54. Prepared for a shave
58. Male cats
59. Scads (2 wds.)
61. Wear away
62. Send forth
63. Letterman's rival
64. Shelflike rock
65. Grade
66. Equal
67. Defeated one

33. Desire
34. Food plan
35. "Electric" swimmers
37. Dislike
38. Prayer finale
39. Openings
42. Depots (abbr.)
45. Speech-maker
46. Pecan, e.g.
47. Hi-fi
48. Starchy veggie (sl.)
49. Fragrance
50. Send money
52. Egg exterior
54. The ____ Star State
55. Curtain holders
56. Boundary
57. Gentle creature
59. Swiss peak
60. Grant's rival

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION FEB 5 - FEB 11, 2015								
Haliburton Branch General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bridge, Monday 1 p.m. Open dart night, Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot on last Wednesday of the month Highland Trio, Feb. 7, 4-7 p.m. Pulled pork on a bun, \$5. No cover.		Valentine's dinner and dance, Feb. 14 6 p.m., \$15 pp.		Minden Branch Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.		Wilberforce Branch L.A. executive meeting, Thursday, 1 p.m. Pool, Friday, 2:30 p.m. Bake ham and scalloped dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. L.A. breakfast, Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Valentine's Dinner/Dance, Feb. 14, 6-9 p.m., \$20pp, reserve now		
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A trapper snowshoes back to his cabin.

Walking the trapline

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

Paul Arkwright trapped his first animal, a mink, when he was 12 years old.

"My dad couldn't skin a mink because they have a little scent on it, and if you want to clear a room, you hit the scent and they'll be gone," he said.

So he took it to his neighbour who skinned it for him.

"I didn't know anything about how you flesh stuff."

That mink netted Arkwright \$18 from the local buyer.

"That was big money for that time," he said. Arkwright, now 78 years old, said he used to trap muskrats with his dad. If he received \$1 per rat, they did well.

"I bought my first bicycle out of muskrat trapping," he said. "[Trapping is] more or less a family tradition."

These days, trapping isn't as popular as it used to be in Haliburton County, but the Minden District Fur Harvesters, of which Arkwright is a member, are keeping the tradition going.

"It's still good," he said. "Maybe not as good as it was back in the 30s when you had to trap to make a living. There wasn't that much industry around, so you went out and trapped."

It used to be there were no quotas for beaver nor were there any zones for trapping. Now, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) have set up zones and specific areas, called traplines. Trappers bid for rights to certain lines, which can also be passed down in the family.

"If you have a good line, you can get 30-40 beaver off it," Arkwright said. "Then with your fisher, martin, coyote and wolves, you could possibly work four days a week if you had time. A lot of us guys around here, we do it to make a bit of money on the side, but you're working too."

Most trapping is done in the winter, though some people trap nuisance animals like skunks, raccoons, and red squirrels.

"The fur is no good on a beaver in the summertime," he said. "You're just destroying a fur-bearing animal."

Each trapper with rights to a line receives a beaver quota from the MNR.

"The beaver drives your line," Arkwright said. "The reason why the MNR wants you to take the beaver is so they can keep the population down and they don't become a nuisance."

Trappers must achieve at least 75 per cent of their quota each season to maintain the rights to their trapline.

Once the furs are harvested and prepared by the trapper, they are usually sent to North Bay to be graded. Most trappers around the county sell their furs through the auction house in North Bay as well, while others will send to Toronto. It all depends on who will offer the best prices.

Like any market, it's demand that determines what's going to sell. Arkwright said this year, the trappers were advised to trap fisher, martin, muskrats and coyote. They were told otter and beaver wouldn't sell.

"We target what they want," he said.

Despite the public backlash fur-wearers receive, real fur is still in demand, he said.

"When I go shopping in Peterborough, Ottawa and Gravenhurst, I go into the stores looking at fur coats," said Arkwright. "You didn't see that 10 years ago, but it's coming back slowly and gradually."

Some of the biggest fur buyers include Greece, Finland, China, and Russia.

"Fur trapping is still part of the culture up here," said Arkwright. "The council in Minden, we have 86 trappers that belong to it."

Arkwright is working with an apprentice, 13-year-old Wyatt Watson. Once Watson turns 16 he'll be free to trap alone.

To combat the stigma attached to it, Arkwright and the council host a local fur exhibition every year in January. The community is invited to come out and learn about trapping, see how fur is harvested from an animal and prepared for grading.

The Fur Harvesters also put out information billboards and displays in cities like Toronto and Ottawa.

"It's to show people that the trapper is not all bad," he said. "At one time, everybody had fur to put around their necks. People are afraid to go out in public, but more people are coming out all the time."

For more information on fur trapping in the Highlands, visit mindendistrictfurharvesters.com.

Highlander events



Photo by Mark Arike

Band members Kevin Braun, Liam Kerney and James Moss perform at Canoe FM's Radio Hall.

Young Running makes Haliburton debut

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

January 31 will go down in history for Toronto-based band Young Running.

The four-man group, comprised of Liam Kerney, Kevin Braun, Spencer Irvine and James Moss, made their local debut at Canoe FM's Radio Hall in front of small studio audience.

For the past six years the group has been playing music together, which includes sounds inspired by indie, folk and roots.

Irvine, the group's drummer, has a connection to the Highlands. His father owns a timeshare property in the Minden area.

"My dad dropped a CD off here – and that turned into this," he said, while explaining how the gig at the radio station came to be.

The visit to Haliburton was one that reminded the musicians of what life is like in a rural community.

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OBITUARIES



Gladys Mariam Fajar (nee Parish)

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VISITATION, FUNERAL SERVICE & RECEPTION

Friends may call at HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Friday evening, February 6, 2015 from 7 - 9 PM. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday morning, February 7, 2015 at 11 o'clock (visitation one hour prior). Interment Evergreen Cemetery at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton United Church or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.



OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of Dorothy Gertrude McPhaden

Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home in Minden on Sunday, February 1, 2015 at the age of 92.

Beloved wife of the late Douglas McPhaden (2001). Daughter of the late Claudia and Percival Bolender. Also predeceased by her brothers Harold and Ron. Dear sister-in-law of Donald (Trudy) McPhaden, Marie Cox and Blanche Bolender. Fondly remembered by Roger (Gisela) McPhaden, the Bolender Family and also by her brothers and sisters of Jehovah's Witnesses.

A Memorial Service for Dorothy will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1017 Wigamog Rd., Haliburton (County Rd., #21 and Wigamog Rd.) on Saturday, February 14, 2015 beginning at 2:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Watch Tower would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



Beatrice Audrey Hutchins (nee Schamehorn)

March 9, 1913 to January 27, 2015

The death of Beatrice Audrey Hutchins (nee Schamehorn) occurred at Highland Wood Long Term Care Facility in Haliburton, Ontario on January 27, 2015. Grandma passed peacefully under the watchful eye of the Highland Wood nursing staff and her grand daughter-in-law, Julie Goodwin and grandson Terry Goodwin. Born in Huntsville, Grandma was the second of ten children born to Evelyn (nee Law) and Richard Schamehorn. She was predeceased by her brothers Ernie, Walter (stillborn), Carl, Jack, Bill, Lloyd, Gren and sisters Vera and Peg. At 101, Grandma was predeceased by husband Clarence, her infant son, Blaine, daughter Marilyn and son Dennis. She is survived by her son-in-law Glen Goodwin, grandchildren, Kim, Terry (Julie) and Mark (Tracie) Goodwin, Merritt (Shelley) and Elizabeth Hutchins and her great grandchildren, Jennifer (Connor) MacMillan, Daniel, Glen and Amanda Goodwin, Kylie Myers, Zach and Lilly Hutchins. To the end, Grandma exemplified the pioneer spirit in all ways. She was a feisty, hard-working and determined woman, physically active and independently living in her home of 70 years plus at 5 Park Drive until the age of 96. Grandma has been a solid presence in our lives, and she will be sadly missed.

The family would like to sincerely thank the staff of Highland Wood in Haliburton for their exemplary care and kindness during Grandma's five years at this home. Grandma was treated like family by these dedicated individuals and received only the best of care. A celebration of Grandma's life was held at Highland Wood on February 1st. A reception to celebrate Grandma's life will be held at Billingsley Funeral Home in Huntsville on Saturday February 14, 2015 between 1:00 and 3:00. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to "The Highland Wood Resident Council".

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East has submitted a by-law to the Registrar of the *Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002*.

Any interested parties may contact Irene S. Cook, Clerk at (705) 448-2981 ex. 222 for information, or to make copies. By-laws or amendments may be reviewed or copied at the Municipal Office located at 2249 Loop Road, WILBERFORCE, ON.

Council for the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to enact a by-law to adopt this By-law at the April 13th, 2015 Council meeting. Notice is hereby provided that a public meeting will be held on **Monday, April 13th, 2015** at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce, Ontario.

These By-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar, *Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002* – (Cemeteries Regulation Unit - Telephone No. 1-416-326-8393).

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EVENTS

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Debbie Spear (left) and Aleitha Gormley on their first ride at last year's Haliburton Forest Poker Run.

Poker run to support Dysart firefighters

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Snowmobilers are busy tuning up their machines for the 26th annual Haliburton Forest Poker Run.

On Feb. 7, event organizers expect around 400 riders to visit the Forest for the ride.

"It's a charity event to benefit local firefighters," said Brianna Elder. "They ride from shelter cabin to cabin, collecting tokens."

At the end of the day, riders turn in their

tokens to draw a poker hand. The winner walks away with a brand new 2015 Ski-Doo MXZ600, she said.

At each cabin, riders will receive a different snack, have a chance to warm up, and socialize with their fellow participants. For example, the Black Lake cabin is serving pancakes.

"Most riders start there," Elder said.

The ride can be done in as little as two hours – if the goal is just to finish the course. However, riders who want to really enjoy the trails and the Haliburton Forest property can be out there all day, she said.

"If you were to explore the rest of

Haliburton Forest, you could leave here at 8 a.m. and come in just before five to draw your hand."

Trails at the Forest are groomed daily.

"Generally, our trails seem to have more snow [than others], from what I've been told," said Elder. "People love to have fresh groomed trails."

Last year, the event raised \$13,000 for the Dysart et al fire department. Around 370 riders attended that poker run.

When The Highlander spoke with owner Peter Schleifenbaum last year, he said the decision to support the fire department came after a rescue at the Haliburton

Forest where the value of additional or improved equipment was obvious. Prior to that, the event had raised over \$100,000 for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary.

Elder said the poker run is a fun event the whole family can enjoy.

"It's a great day," she said. "It's a family event. People have fun. It's an amazing day to be out and enjoy the forest and hear stories at the shelter cabins of different poker runs that have happened."

Anyone who wants to participate in the run still can. Same-day registration starts at 8 a.m. at the Forest. For more information, visit haliburtonforest.com.

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